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MOBILE SERVICE IN ORISSA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has started mobile service in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether the mobile service started by the BSNL in some tribal districts and particularly undivided Koraput district has not been able to achieve the desired result;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to review, revamp and improve the cellular service by the BSNL in the State?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The district-wise details of BSNL Mobile Service in Orissa are given in the Annexure.

(c) The Cellular Mobile Service started by BSNL in the tribal districts of Orissa including undivided Koraput district which comprises of Koraput, Navrangpur, Malkangiri and Raygada revenue districts, has been quit popular. 14,920 BSNL mobile connections are working in undivided Koraput district.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.

(e) BSNL has been augmenting its GSM network in Orissa continuously. To ensure good Quality of Service and to meet the overwhelming demand in the state, action has been taken to further augment the network capacity in Orissa by about 5 lakh lines by December 2005 progressively.

Annexure

STATUS OF BSNL MOBILE SERVICE IN ORISSA

Sl. No.	Name of the Revenue Districts	Total Mobile Subscribers in the District
1	Angul	14323
2	Dhenkanal	5491
3	Bolangir	5371
4	Sonepur	2387
5	Balasore	10861
6	Bhadrak	7162
7	Bargarh	4178
8	Jharsuguda	3581
9	Deogarh	1194
1`0	Sambalpur	17367
11	Boudh	1194
12	Phulbani	1790
13	Cuttack	38434
14	Kendrapara	4775
15	Jajpur	8952
16	Jagatsinghpur	8356
17	Gajpati	13965
18	Ganjam	2984
19	Kalahandi	10861
20	Nowpara	1194
21	Keonjhar	14442
22	Khurda	58247

23	Nayagarh	1194
24	Puri	5968
25	Koraput	10145
26	Nawarangapur	1194
27	Malkangiri	1194
28	Raygada	2387
29	Sundergarh	23454
30	Mayurbhanj	9668
Total		292313